

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter (where underlining “_” denotes additions and strikethrough “-” denotes deletions).

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a program in a conditional access system, the method comprising the steps of:
 - selecting a digital bit stream from a plurality of digital bit streams;
 - encrypting a first portion of the selected digital bit stream according to a first encryption method to provide a first encrypted stream;
 - encrypting a second portion of the selected digital bit stream according to a second encryption method to provide a second encrypted stream wherein the second encryption method is different from the first encryption method;
 - multiplexing the first encrypted stream, the second encrypted stream, and the plurality of digital bit streams to provide a partially-encrypted stream; and
 - transmitting the partially-encrypted stream.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a portion of the selected digital bit stream is encrypted, wherein the encrypted portion and an unencrypted portion of the selected digital bit stream are combined with the plurality of digital bit streams.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the selected digital bit stream includes a plurality of packets, and wherein each packet includes a packet identifier identifying whether the packet is at least one of a video stream, an audio stream, and a data stream.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the selecting step selects the digital bit stream by identifying a predetermined packet identifier.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the selecting step selects the digital bit stream by identifying a plurality of predetermined packet identifiers.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the plurality of predetermined packet identifiers is at least one of the video stream, the audio stream, and the data stream.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a plurality of programs in a conditional access system, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting a plurality of elementary bit streams from a transport stream;

encrypting a first portion of the selected elementary bit ~~stream~~ streams according to a first encryption method to provide a first encrypted stream;

encrypting ~~the~~ a second portion of the selected elementary bit ~~stream~~ streams

according to a second encryption method to provide a second encrypted stream wherein the second encryption method is different from the first encryption method;

multiplexing the first and second encrypted stream and the remaining portion of the selected elementary bit stream with the transport stream; and transmitting the multiplexed stream.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein each of the plurality of elementary bit streams includes a plurality of packets, wherein each packet includes a packet header that is indicative of at least one of a video stream, an audio stream, and a data stream.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the selecting step selects the plurality of elementary bit streams by identifying at least one of the video stream, the audio stream, and the data stream.

10. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein each of the plurality of elementary bit streams includes a plurality of packet identifiers, and wherein the selecting step selects the plurality of elementary bit streams by identifying a predetermined packet identifier.

11. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein each of the plurality of elementary bit streams includes a plurality of packet identifiers, and wherein the selecting step selects the plurality of elementary bit streams by identifying a plurality of predetermined packet identifiers.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the portion of the selected elementary bit stream includes at least one of ~~the a~~ video stream, ~~the an~~ audio stream, and ~~the a~~ data stream.

13. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the first encryption method comprises 3DES and the second encryption method comprises DES.

14. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein the first encryption method comprises 3DES and the second encryption method comprises DES.